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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Honorable J. J. Pickle
House of Representatives
242 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Pickle:

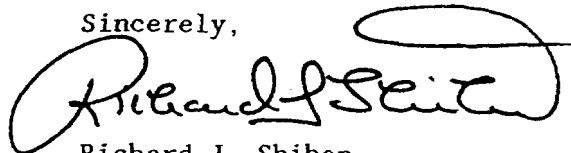
This is in reply to your letters of February 11-18, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituents are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituents' concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Your constituents' letters will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Shiben
Chief, Land Mobile & Microwave Division
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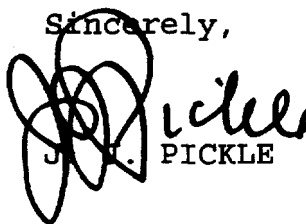
Dear Mr. Chairman:

I recently received the enclosed letters from Mr. Rick Schafer and William J. Seitz concerning the effect the proposed rulemaking (Docket 92-235) regarding Private Land Mobile Radio services may have on their use of radio-controlled aircraft.

I sure would appreciate your considering these concerns about this proposed rule before the final rulemaking is made. I know each constituent would appreciate knowing if this proposed rulemaking will indeed affect the radio frequencies available for radio-controlled aircraft. Please forward me a copy of your response.

Thank you for your close attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


J.J. PICKLE

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The Honorable J.C. Little
South Congressional District
The Capitol, 11th
Austin, Texas 78705

Dear Mr. Little:

I have a small business which is a custom model product company. I have been in business for over 10 years and have a good reputation. I am currently looking for a new location and am interested in your district.

I have recently been in your district and have seen the area. I am interested in the area and would like to know if there are any restrictions on the type of business I can operate in your district. I am currently looking for a new location and am interested in your district.

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January 30, 1993

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The Honorable J.J. Pickle
(TX-10) U.S. House of Representatives
242 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Pickle:

I am a retired Air Force Officer, currently working with the State Auditor's Office in Austin. I retired last Summer from the Air Force, and was very proud to serve my country. I am a Vietnam Vet, won the Distinguished Flying Cross 9 times, the Air Medal 8 times, the Purple Heart for being shot down in action, and many other awards and decorations. I am classified by the VA as a disabled Vet, but work harder today than ever.

The reason I became a pilot in the U.S. Air Force, and devoted my life to the call of my nation, was based in a strong sense of patriotism and a burning desire to be a pilot. My Grandfather instilled both qualities in me. He taught me the true value of patriotism, and planted in me the burning desire to fly. He accomplished the first by being the hero in my life, and the second by teaching me how to build and fly model airplanes when I was very young.

That's enough of my colorful background, and now to the purpose for my writing this letter. My interest in model airplanes grew and developed as I did. The hobby of Radio Controlled modeling became my greatest joy while I attended College in the late 60's, and while in Southeast Asia in the early 70's as a combat pilot with the US Air Force, I used my Lieutenant Combat Pay to purchase Radio Control (R/C) equipment and models. I spent many wonderful hours while off duty building and flying these R/C models.

I am currently a member of the Hill Country R/C Association in Austin, and still enjoy building and flying model airplanes. During the last 20 years, the hobby, and R/C equipment, have changed a lot. During this time, there have been at least two major changes in the Federal Communications Commission allocation of frequencies used in the sport. I am really concerned currently about a proposed change in FCC rules being considered. This FCC Proceeding is called **PR Docket 92-235**. If it is adopted by the FCC, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of radio frequencies currently assigned for model use. It will also increase the risk of accidental crashes and damage, to not only the models, but possible injury to people and damage to property in the vicinity to our flying field.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 - 76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now, the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the R/C frequencies and cause interference to R/C operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for R/C model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rule are adopted. I currently have over \$600 dollars invested in Radio Control equipment, and the change may require me to stop using the equipment.

The Hill Country R/C Association goes to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders as well as the protection of property around the flying field. Many of our safety precautions involve careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies at the field. If the number of useable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

I don't think it is fair of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and radio equipment. The hobby has been instrumental to my success and interest in a military career, and still the hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to me and hundreds of people here in Austin. Radio control modeling has contributed to the advancement and many developments of aviation and may even inspire other kids to become Air Force pilots, so that they can serve their country too.

This is the first time I've written a letter to my elected Representative in Washington. I have supported you, and appreciate your efforts to keep Bergstrom AFB open. I now ask you to please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my hobby and avocation, by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72 - 76 MHz frequency band.

Sincerely,

William J. Seitz
Major USAF, Retired